

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 630

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to recognize Martha Stooksbury on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those educators who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Martha Stooksbury, who recently retired after forty-one years of distinguished service with Hawkins County Schools; and

WHEREAS, a native of Knoxville, Mrs. Stooksbury graduated from the University of Tennessee and embarked upon a meritorious teaching career in 1972; and

WHEREAS, during her career Martha Stooksbury taught every grade from kindergarten through twelfth, before becoming the Adult Literacy and Education Director in 2002; and

WHEREAS, as the director of Adult Literacy and Education, Martha Stooksbury helped 750 to 800 adults obtain their General Education Degree; and

WHEREAS, director of the Hawkins County Board of Education, Charlotte Britton, praised Martha Stooksbury for her "willingness to provide another avenue of education for adults helping them to have a better life" ;

WHEREAS, Martha and her husband, Butch, are the proud parents of two sons; Grant, an Air Force pilot, and David, an aspiring elementary school teacher; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Martha Stooksbury has demonstrated the utmost ability, dedication, and integrity winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues, students, and this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Martha Stooksbury for her admirable commitment to

education and extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.